GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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LAW STUDENTS NOT PREFERING TO JOIN THE BAR
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is a steep decline among the law students who join the bar for practice;

(b) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) & (b) Yes, there has been a decline among the law students joining the bar for practice. Bar Council of India has informed that the primary reasons for the decline, is the uncertainty about future, struggle in terms of income and work, difficulties in surviving in this fiercely competitive field, lack of financial assistance to the new entrant and availability of better avenues in the corporate sector and multinational companies.

(c) Bar Council of India is giving a small stipend of Rs.750/-each to approximately 40 lawyers in the country. Karnataka Govt. is also giving a stipend of Rs.1000/- per month for one year to all new entrants to the profession.

Besides, the Central Government has also enacted the Advocates` Welfare Fund Act, 2001 which provides for certain welfare measures for the Advocates like, ex-gratia grant in case of hospitalisation etc., providing for life insurance, medical and educational facilities and for purchase of books etc.